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October 19, 2009

EX PARTE NOTICE

Marlene H, Dortch, Secretary,
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St, SW
Washington, DC 20554

In re: 700 MHz Interoperable Broadband Public Safety Broadband Network PS Docket 06-229

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 13, 2009, Roger Quayle, Chief Technology and Co-Founder of IPWireless, Andy Smith, Vice President of IPWireless, and I, the undersigned, visited with Jamie Barnett, Chief of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB), David Furth, Jeff Cohen, Jennifer Manner, Michael Wilhelm, and other members of the PSHSB to discuss current efforts in the development and implementation of an interoperable broadband network for public safety.

Discussions centered around the efforts of IPWireless specifically in the deployment of a broadband network within the City of New York and in a related deployment in Southwest Georgia. IPWireless further discussed its ability to deploy similar efforts in the 700 MHz spectrum band currently allocated to public safety. IPWireless discussed its ability to provide an end-to-end solution including infrastructure, chipsets, and user equipment. IPWireless further discussed technical issues, including the advantages of providing high speed data throughout the defined coverage, including cell edges.

Last, IPWireless discussed time-to-market issues for LTE deployments. IPWireless supports the call from the public safety community to standardize LTE as the vehicle for nationwide interoperability. Given concerns about time to market for LTE, however, jurisdictions seeking waivers to deploy a broadband solution at the earliest possible date should be allowed to consider solutions that are standardized within the 3GPP standards process that will allow compatibility and migration with/to LTE when it is ready for deployment in a public safety environment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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